

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 554
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Heather Rachelle Dockins, 2003 Salutatorian of William Blount High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Heather Rachelle Dockins is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at William Blount High School, placing second among her 361 classmates; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Dockins has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and in our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Heather Dockins has earned an exemplary 4.74 grade point average; she has been honored with academic letters in Language

Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies and recognized as an Academic Achiever by the *Knoxville News Sentinel*; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young woman, Ms. Dockins is a gifted athlete who lettered in golf and bowling during her senior year; she was a valuable four-year member of the varsity softball team and was named All-Blount County in her junior year; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as a valuable member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, HOSA, the Student Union, the Junior Classical League, and the Beta Club, which she has served as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, a *Maryville Daily Times* Calendar Girl, Heather served on the Student Council during her senior year and was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award; and

WHEREAS, Heather Dockins' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, particularly as she enters the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Brad and Tammy Dockins, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Heather Dockins' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 William Blount High School Salutatorian, Heather Rachelle Dockins, on her impressive academic achievement, extending to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

